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Office of the Mayor Honorable Libby Schaaf Mayor (510) 238-3141 Fax (510) 238-4731

Letter of Appointment

May 31, 2018

The Honorable City Council One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Second Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear President Reid and members of the City Council:

Pursuant to City Charter Section 601, the Mayor has appointed the following people as members of the following board or commission, subject to City Council confirmation:

## CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

**Amanda Monchamp,** Mayoral reappointment to serve a three-year term on the City Planning Commission beginning May 5, 2018 and ending May 4, 2021, filling the seat previously held by herself.

**Nischit Hegde**, Mayoral appointment to serve a three-year term on the City Planning Commission beginning May 5, 2018 and ending May 4, 2021, filling the seat previously held by Adhi Nagraj.

**Sahar Shirazi**, Mayoral appointment to serve a three-year term on the City Planning Commission beginning May 5, 2018 and ending May 4, 2021, filling the seat previously held by Emily Weinstein.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely. Libby Schadf Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality **DRAFT** 

Office of the City Attorney

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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

# RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF AMANDA MONCHAMP AND THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS OF NISCHIT HEGDE AND SAHAR SHIRAZI TO THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Section 601 of the City Charter provides that members of City boards and commissions shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the affirmative vote of at least five members of the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 192 C.M.S., as amended, created the City Planning Commission to consider and review matters related to planning, development and preservation and to advise the City Council on land use and environmental concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Planning Commission consists of seven members serving three-year staggered terms with no more than two terms served consecutively; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Mayor Libby Schaaf has reappointed Jahmese Myers to serve a three-year term on the City Planning Commission subject to confirmation by the City Council; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** that pursuant to City Charter section 601, the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor's reappointment of Amanda Monchamp to serve a three-year term on the City Planning Commission, beginning May 5, 2018 and ending May 4, 2021, retaining the seat she currently holds; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that pursuant to City Charter section 601, the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor's appointment of Nischit Hedge to serve a threeyear term on the City Planning Commission, beginning May 5, 2018 and ending May 4, 2021, filling the seat previously held by Adhi Nagraj; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that pursuant to City Charter section 601, the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor's appointment of Sahar Shirazi to serve a three-year term on the City Planning Commission, beginning May 5, 2018 and ending May 4, 2021, filling the seat previously held by Emily Weinstein.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

# AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

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ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of Oakland, California



Amanda Monchamp



## Amanda Monchamp

**Amanda Monchamp** is a partner at Monchamp Meldrum LLP. She practices in the areas of land use, natural resources, and environmental law with an emphasis on project land use entitlement, regulatory permitting, and litigation regarding the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) throughout California.

Ms. Monchamp advises clients on various aspects of complex residential, commercial and industrial land use and real estate development projects, as well as linear projects for utilities such as telecommunications, power companies, transportation and transit projects. Her work on these projects includes due diligence review, local entitlement processing, environmental review under CEQA and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), site remediation, state and federal resource agency permitting, associated land use transactions, and defending challenges to project approvals under CEQA and other land use laws. Ms. Monchamp is currently defending several major projects from challenges under CEQA and NEPA.

Prior to forming Monchamp Meldrum LLP, Ms. Monchamp was a partner at Holland & Knight LLP where she also served as Deputy Section Leader. Earlier she worked at the Electronic Industries Alliance (EIA) in Washington, D.C., where she represented the electronics industry in state, federal and international environmental regulatory, legislative, and policy arenas.

### **Published Cases**

- Covina Residents for Responsible Development v. City of Covina (2018) 230 Cal. Rptr. 3d 550
- Friends of the College of San Mateo Gardens v. San Mateo County Community College District (2016) 1 Cal.5th 937
- Coalition for a Sustainable Future in Yucaipa v. City of Yucaipa (2015) 238 Cal.App.4th 513
- San Francisco Beautiful v. City and County of San Francisco (2014) 26 Cal App.4th 1012
- Citizens for a Green San Mateo v. San Mateo City College District (2014) 226 Cal.App.4th 1572
- Citizens for Responsible, Equitable, Environmental Development (C.R.E.E.D) v. City of Chula Vista (2011) 197 Cal.App.4th 327
- Coalition for a Sustainable Future in Yucaipa v. City of Yucaipa (2011) 198 Cal.App.4th 939
- Friends of the Sierra Railroad v. Tuolumne Park & Recreation District (2007) 147 Cal.App.4th 643
- County of Amador v. City of Plymouth (2007) 149 Cal.App.4th 1089

### Honors & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America guide, Environmental Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Litigation -Environmental, 2018
- Bay Area Commercial Real Estate Power Women award, Bisnow, Real Estate, 2017
- Northern California Super Lawyers magazine, 2015-2018

## Memberships

- City of Oakland Planning Commissioner
- Fisher Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics, Policy Advisory Board
- SPUR, Oakland Membership Committee, Board Member
- Urban Land Institute
- Environmental Law Institute
- American Bar Association, Section on Energy, Environment and Resources
- California Bar Association, Environment and Natural Resources Section
- San Francisco Bar Association
- Association of Environmental Professionals

## Education

- University of California, San Diego, B.A., History and Political Science, with high honors
- Vermont Law School, J.D., MELP, Environmental Law

## **Bar Admissions**

- California
- District of Columbia

## **Court Admissions**

- All State Courts in California
- All Federal Courts in California

## Publications

- California Court of Appeal Invalidates EIR for Failure to Identify a Project Holland & Knight Alert, November 22, 2017 (coauthor)
- Court Upholds San Francisco's CEQA Exemption for Telegraph Hill Project Holland & Knight Alert, October 5, 2017 (coauthor)
- California Court of Appeal Rejects CEQA Challenge to Proposed Planned Parenthood Clinic Holland & Knight Alort, Sontember 26, 2017 (coputher)

Holland & Knight Alert, September 26, 2017 (coauthor)

- Interlocutory Remand Can Be Used to Supplement Agency Findings Prior to Judgment Holland & Knight Alert, August 31, 2017 (coauthor)
- Appellate Court Holds That Mandatory Relief is Unavailable Because of Record Error Holland & Knight Update, May 15, 2017 (coauthor)

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- California Public Employees' Personal Accounts May Be Subject to Public Records Act Requests
   Holland & Knight Alert, March 16, 2017 (coauthor)
- Reliance on 1998 EIR Under CEQA Upheld Based on Substantial Evidence Holland & Knight Alert, December 20, 2016 (coauthor)
- Appellate Court Rejected EIR That Found Insignificant Traffic Impacts, Despite Consistency With Infill-Promoting General Plan Policy Holland & Knight Alert, November 18, 2016 (coauthor)
- California Supreme Court Invalidates "New Project" Test Holland & Knight Alert, September 22, 2016 (coauthor)
- California Supreme Court Issues CEQA Ruling Regarding Categorical Exemptions Pratt's Energy Law Report, May 2015 (coauthor)
- OPR Proposes to Increase CEQA's Costs, Complexity, and Litigation Risks with SB 743 Implementation Holland & Knight Alert, August 22, 2014 (coauthor)
- Judicial Review of CEQA Categorical Exemptions from 1997-Present August 2012 (coauthor)
- California Supreme Court Grants Review of Berkeley Hillside Holland & Knight Alert, May 29, 2012 (coauthor)

## **Select Presentations**

- An Interdisciplinary Approach to Land Development and Investment Berkeley School of Law, March 8, 2017
- Advanced CEQA Workshop Association of Environmental Professionals, February 28, 2017
- CEQA Update: A Perennial Favorite
  25th Annual Yosemite Environmental Law Conference, California State Bar Association, Environmental Law Section, October 22, 2016
- Recruit, Retain or Die! Building a Top Team Moderator, Urban Land Institute, October 6, 2016
- The Continuing Evolution of CEQA Association of Environmental Professionals. Northern Conference, September 2016
- Update on Pre-AB 52 Tribal Consultation Laws Tribes and CEQA: New Rules for Tribal Consultation Under AB 52 Law Seminars International Program, June 20, 2016
- CEQA and the California Supreme Court A Discussion of the Court's Recent Decisions California State Bar, Environmental Law Section, April 2016
- Citizen Testimony in CEQA Cases
  CLE International, December 2015

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- Advanced CEQA Workshop
  Association of Environmental Professionals, October 2014
- CEQA Case Law Update
  Association of Environmental Professionals, December 2013
- Advanced CEQA Workshop Association of Environmental Professionals, March 2013
- CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act Lorman Seminar, March 2013
- Basic CEQA Workshop
  Association of Environmental Professionals, October 2012
- CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act Lorman Seminar, June 2012
- Private Enforcement of Environmental Law
  State Bar of California, Environmental Law Section, June 2012
- Is the Fair Argument Fair Seminar
  Association of Environmental Professionals, May 2012
- CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act Lorman Seminar, March 2012

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# NISCHIT S. HEGDE

# EDUCATION

Cornell University, Graduate Institute of Public Affairs2015• Master of Public Affairs2006Cornell University, School of Industrial and Labor Relations2006• B.S. Industrial and Labor Relations2006

## AFSCME 3299 2017- Present

# Senior Researcher

- Support the collective bargaining process to protect and increase standards of living for service and patient care workers in higher education
- Study real estate development across California, including development activities, regulatory issues, and industry trends
- Provide research and policy support across industries, including financial, real estate, higher education and health care

# California Nurses Association/National Nurses United 2015-2016 Strategic Campaigner

- Supported nurses in creating, maintaining and/or improving patient care standards and working conditions during hospital mergers and acquisitions
- Researched and analyzed patient care statistics within hospital systems

# UNITE HERE, International Union 2012-2015

# Coordinator (Lead) - Research Department

- Led efforts to support accountable and equitable development that supports low wage workers in the hospitality industry in California, Texas and Oregon
- Studied hospitality development in cities across the Pacific Northwest, Northern California and Texas
- Worked towards equitable procurement and development policies, including worker retention and labor peace agreements
- Cultivated and maintained relationships with developers and government officials to inform public policy in several cities and states across the country
- Coordinated several facets of campaign work including research, policy development, media and legal

# Researcher/ Political Director

UNITE HERE Local 2850, Oakland, CA 2007 - 2011

UNITE HERE Local 49, Sacramento, CA 2007 - 2008

- Facilitated labor agreements between unions and hospitality establishments through negotiations throughout Alameda County, CA.
- Led trainings for new researchers on the city planning processes for new project developments

# AFFILIATIONS

APALA- Executive Board member for the Alameda County Chapter, CA 2011 - 2012

# Sahar Shirazi

# EXPERIENCE

## WSP USA, Advisory Services

San Francisco, CA

Policy and Planning Lead, AVs and Emerging Mobility

Lead, Advisory Services on planning and policy needs in cities, regions, and states across nation. Focus on changing mobility and technology, and planning implications (land use, equity, health, environment, labor). Working on issues around autonomous vehicles, traditional and electric bikeshare, transit, TNCs, road user charge, and electrification.

## Office of Governor Edmund G Brown, Office of Planning and Research

Jan 2015-April 2018

May 2018-present

Senior Planning Advisor

Sacramento, CA

Lead, Autonomous Vehicle and Smart City policy; coordinating with agencies, local and national governments, national partners, industry, and academics to research, test, and implement policies. Tracking and coordinating participation in legislative issues such as AV START Act. Serving on research teams with UC ITS centers.

Lead, Smart City Collaborative; partnership with Transportation for America and 22 cities across US, creating policy, pilots, and programs for shared (TNC), connected, and automated vehicles

**O**PR Lead, Interagency working group, shared, connected, and autonomous vehicles; working across California agencies to integrate goals and objectives into agency work around autonomy, TNCs, and EVs. Most recently worked with CPUC to ensure TNC regulations for AVs align with state goals.

**O**PR Lead, Governor's ZEV team; collaborating with agencies across State to integrate policy goals into ZEV mandate through planning, programming, and project level coordination, focused on intersection of ZEVs with AVs and TNCs.

Team member, Global Climate Action Summit, transportation team; collaborative effort to integrate ZEV, shared transport, active transport, and automation into international climate event

Team member, Big Cities DOT team; coordinating and collaborating with transportation officials from largest California cities, assisting as liaison between cities and State as needed.

Lead, Big Cities AV subgroup; identifying and working through issues related to connected and autonomous vehicles and TNCs with California cities

**M**anager for General Plan Guidelines update; researching, writing, editing, coordinating with agencies, and conducting statewide outreach for new statewide guidance document

Lead, World Bank and California MOU; writing of MOU, collaboration on Global Platform for Sustainable Cities program, writing and implementation of workplan for GHG reduction in Chinese regions, coordination with Under2Coalition, and management of stakeholder and partner participation

Land Use and Transportation team member; updating and implementing statewide policies to reduce VMT, reduce GHG emissions, and enhance equity

Local assistance provider; coordinating and providing assistance to state agencies and local communities on land use and transportation issues

Strong relationships with executive members of state agencies, including ARB. Caltrans, CalSTA, CPUC, and CalEPA

**United States Department of Transportation.** Office of the Secretary Washington, DC

March 2012- Feb 2013. Sep 2013-Jan 2015

Policy Analyst/Presidential Management Fellow

Policy office lead for Partnership for Sustainable Communities: a national initiative to connect planning, land use, transportation, housing, food policy, and environmental decision making; supported by DOT, EPA, HUD, and USDA

Lead on Bike and Pedestrian team's Road Safety for Transit Patrons Initiative Policy office lead for recovery and resiliency coordination across agencies Policy office lead on Transportation Alternatives guidance for MAP-21 Team lead for \$3.6 billion TIGER grant program, including grant evaluation.

recommendation, implementation, and oversight of projects. Program lead for performance measures for all TIGER projects

Policy office lead for numerous transportation economic development and public benefit studies and contracts

Policy office lead on DOT-wide Strategic Plan

Leadership team member for Secretary's Ladders of Opportunity policy working group

# **Executive Office of the President**, Office of Management and Budget

Feb 2013-Sep 2013

Policy Lead, Presidential Permitting Initiative

Coordinated Implementation of Presidential Memorandum across 14 federal agencies including DOI, USACE, USCG, DOT, USDA, ACHP, HUD, EPA, DOD, and DOC Policy lead on IT development and tools across agencies, common data standards, coordination with other Presidential initiatives

Worked directly with senior leadership (Deputy Secretary and Director level) across agencies and within Executive Offices (CEQ, OMB, OSTP, and DPC)

**C**o-wrote 120-day cross agency plan for implementing Presidential Memorandum Planned and engaged in stakeholder outreach sessions

# Ignite California

Washington, DC

San Francisco, CA

Program Facilitator

Sep 2010-June 2011

Created and administered political curriculum to low income women of color in East Oakland, including writing 2<sup>nd</sup> semester system wide curriculum

## Planning Division, City of San Rafael

## San Rafael, CA

## Planning Consultant

Conducted quantitative and qualitative research and analysis on travel modes, average miles traveled (VMT), and behavioral preferences of San Rafael residents

Examined local zoning codes and provisions, road, bicycle, and pedestrian conditions. connectivity of paths, and land use around proposals around transit areas

Jan-May 2011

# Sahar Shirazi

Assembled Master's Policy Report, including short term and long term recommendations to reduce annual VMT through land use and transit planning

## Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, Green Collar Jobs Campaign

Oakland, CA

March-Aug 2010

Policy Fellow

Designed, researched, and wrote policy recommendations report to address issues of gender representation in green job programs

## EDUCATION

## Masters of Public Policy

Mills College, Oakland CA 2011, Graduate Commencement Speaker

## Bachelor of Arts, English Literature

University of California, Berkeley, CA 2007

## LANGUAGES

Farsi (fluent in verbal communication) Spanish (proficient in verbal and written communication)

## PUBLICATIONS

Can we Advance Social Equity With Shared, Electric & Autonomous Vehicles? (principal author) Active Transportation in an Era of Sharing, Electrification and Automation (contributing author) State of California General Plan Guidelines (principal author) Five Years of Learning from Communities and Coordinating Federal Investments (contributing author) Safer People, Safer Streets (principal author)

## MEMBERSHIPS

Bike East Bay (Board Member), WTS, SPUR (Transportation Advisory Committee member), APPAM, Fresh Approach (Board Member)